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It looks to me like they go at us one way to ask us for money, then sort of put the squeeze on us a little bit by closing these for an economy measure. If we're going to give them some money I wish they would ask us what they need to keep these buildings open also.

I will withhold. If you will do this favor for me, when we get on Select File, we'll hold this bill until we get this problem worked out on what they're going to do about the open house policy to the general public on their National Guard facilities. Would you do that for me, Senator Carsten?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, yes, Senator Duis, I certainly will. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. If the discussion I've heard so far is correct I'm confused. Senator Carsten, does this look like the Committee amendments to LB 266 that I have in my hand?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes, the

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you aware that this amendment talks about the active selected Reserve of the Armed Forces of the United States? That we're apparently talking about the U.S. Army Reserves and not the Nebraska National Guard?

SENATOR CARSTEN: That's true, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well the title doesn't agree with the bill. I think it's totally inappropriate to use state money. That's all I wanted to ask you. I wanted to be sure I was reading correctly.

Members of the Legislature, the Army Reserves ... you can get in that whether you're on active duty or not. If you have a reserve active duty agreement then you spend so much time on active duty, then you come back into the Reserves and you're paid by the U.S. government. You go to Summer camp and do other things that are required by federal law.

I don't think it's appropriate at all for the State of Nebraska to pay money, directly or indirectly, in support of the United States Armed Forces. If they have a unit that they want to keep in this state and they're not willing to recruit or put forth the money necessary to keep it operational, the state should not pick up the tab, either directly or indirectly.

I think it is as inappropriate for the state to provide money for the United States Army Reserves as it would be for the State of Nebraska to provide and make up any tax deficit that is suffered by the United States government. That is my primary objection to the bill. I cannot support it.